

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1589
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACT, 2000
THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have enforced the Information Technology Act, 2000;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the reasons behind bringing in this legislation;
- (d) the details of the Semi Conductor Integrated Circuit lay out design Act;
- (e) the date on which it was enforced; and
- (f) the benefits accrued to the Information Technology sector with these Acts?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

- (a), (b) and (c): Yes, Sir. Information Technology Act, 2000 has been enforced on 17th October, 2000. The Information Technology Act 2000 aims to provide a legal and regulatory framework for Promotion of e-Commerce and e-Governance.
- (d): This Act provide for Semiconductor Integrated Circuit Layout Design and matters connected therewith.
- (e): The Act received Presidential assent in September 2000. Draft Rules are under finalization.
- (f): The IT Act 2000 will facilitate the promotion of e-commerce and e-governance in the country. Further, Intellectual Property (IP) is the bedrock of advancements/innovations in IT products. The Semiconductor Act will hasten the creation of Indian IP and help the growth of the hardware sector. It will also encourage flow of foreign direct investment into the hitech IT sector in view of protections available.